LEED: Introduction & Issues

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Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design™

A leading-edge system for designing, constructing, operating and certifying the world's greenest buildings.



Technical Overview of LEED™

- Green building rating system, currently for commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential new construction and major renovation.
- Existing, proven technologies
- Evaluates and recognizes performance in accepted green design categories
- LEED 3.0 product development includes existing buildings, multiple buildings, core & shell, interiors, and residential



Technical Overview of LEED™

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- Whole-building approach encourages and guides a collaborative, integrated design and construction process
- Optimizes environmental and economic factors
- Four levels of certification

LEED Certified 26 - 32 points
Silver Level 33 - 38 points
Gold Level 39 - 51 points

• Platinum Level 52+ points (69 possible)



LEED™ Categories

- · Sustainable Sites
- · Water Efficiency
- · Energy & Atmosphere
- Materials & Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- · Innovation & Design Process

Principles of Sustainable Design & Development

- Site Optimize Site Potential
- Water Protect and Conserve Water
- Energy Minimize Nonrenewable Energy Consumption
- Materials Use Environmentally Preferable Products
- IEQ Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality
- O&M Optimize Operational and Maintenance Practices





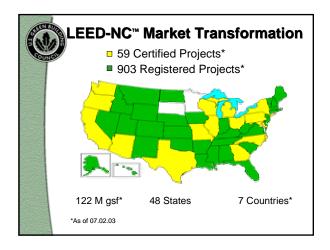
Why Was LEED™ Created?

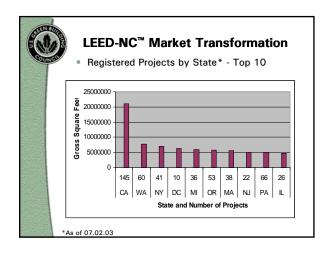
- Facilitate positive results for the environment, occupant health and financial return
- Define "green" by providing a standard for measurement
- Prevent "greenwashing" (false or exaggerated claims)
- Promote whole-building, integrated design processes

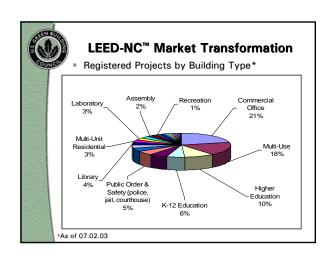


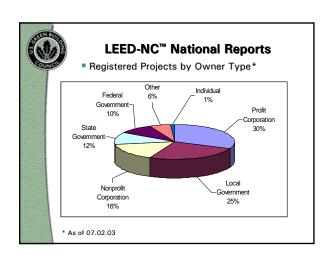
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- Use as a design guideline
- Recognize leaders
- Stimulate green competition
- Establish market value with recognizable national "brand"
- Raise consumer awareness
- Transform the marketplace!











Federal Government Use

- General Services Administration
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of State
- Department of Energy
- Environmental Protection Agency







